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Mr. Robert Wilson  
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Re: Consolidation of Files, Lease 1 Project and Backside/Valley/Northside Project,  
S/027/047 and S/027/051, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On February 23, 1994 the Division accepted the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations for your Lease 1 project. This project was assigned file number S/027/051. This operation is located on State Land in the SW/4 of the NW/4 of Section 36, T23S, R9W, SLBM, Millard County, Utah. Due to an oversight, this notice was accepted as a project unrelated to any other mine site. This project should have been accepted as an amendment to your Backside/Valley/Northside project, located on BLM land, due to the Division's policy for neighboring sites. This policy states:

- (1) Noncontiguous mining and exploration disturbances, under the control of one operator, will be considered as one operation regardless of aggregate acreage, when the outermost boundary of one disturbed area is within a two-mile radius of the outermost boundary of another disturbed area. Those sites aggregating less than five acres will be considered Small Mine or Exploration sites as appropriate.
- (2) Several properties linked together, as described above, will be considered as one for the purposes of permitting and bonding.
- (3) All roads connecting two or more noncontiguous sites that were constructed for accessing these sites for mining purposes, or were existing but significantly upgraded, will be considered in the permitting process.

Due to this policy, your notice for the Lease 1 project (S/027/051) will be amended to your notice for the Backside/Valley/Northside project (S/027/047) and the two files consolidated to file number S/027/047.

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As stated in (1) above, to maintain your small mine status, the total aggregate acreage of both project areas must not exceed five acres of composite disturbance. Your notice of operations to the BLM states disturbance will be kept at five acres or less. Your notice for the project on State Land shows total disturbance will be four acres. Concurrent reclamation (i.e., reclaim as you go) of lands no longer needed may keep the total disturbance below five acres. It is important to point out that reclaimed lands must meet the reclamation and revegetation standards set forth by the Rules before the area is released from the disturbed acreage total. Release from the revegetation standard can take up to three years or longer. It is also important to point out that before a small mining operation is enlarged beyond five acres of surface disturbance, the operator must file a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations and receive Division approval. A reclamation surety is required as part of the Large Mine permitting process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any questions please call me at (801) 538-5340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "TRAVIS JONES". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Travis W. Jones  
Reclamation Hydrologist

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cc: John Blake, Division of State Lands and Forestry  
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